

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10-12, 27-38 and 57-70 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 6-9, 13-26, and 39-56 have been cancelled without prejudice, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10-12, 27-29, 31, and 34-38 have been amended, and new claims 57-70 have been added. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in original claims 1-56 and in the specification at, e.g., page 4, lines 12-23, and page 7, line 18, to page line 28. No new matter has been added.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect the invention of Group I. In addition to an election of one of Group I, II, or III, the Restriction Requirement also requires an election of a single molecule recited in original claims 8, 22, 47, and 56. Applicants elect, with traverse, the sequence of amino acids 28-140 of SEQ ID NO:2. Claims 8, 22, 47, and 56 have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 66-70. Claims 69 and 70 depend from claim 66 and recite specific truncates of the neublastin polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2. Applicants respectfully submit that it would require no undue burden to examine all of claims 66-70 in the present application.

In response to the several requirements for election of species, applicants elect the following: neuropathic pain associated with diabetic neuropathy; aliphatic esters; taxol; and ddi. No additional species elections are believed to be required in view of the claim cancellations. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10-12, 27-38 and 57-70 read on the elected species.

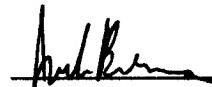
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Enclosed is a Petition for Four Month Extension of Time and a check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 13751-034001.

Respectfully submitted,

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